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FOLLOWING TEL SENT JERUSALEM SAIGON FROM SECSTATE 28 FEBRUARY
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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PRG QUESTION AT LAWS OF WAR CONFERENCE

1. SOVIET DEL HAS SUGGESTED POSSIBLE COMPROMISE PROPOSAL
TO ADMIT BOTH PRG AND AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AS
OBSERVERS IN LAWS OF WAR CONFERENCE WITHOUT VOTE. THERE
ARE MISGIVINGS HERE AS TO GENUINENESS OF PROPOSAL AND
WORRIES ABOUT REPERCUSSIONS OF ANY APPARENT COLLABORATION
BETWEEN U.S. AND U.S.S.R. DELEGATIONS. FOLLOWING INSTRUC-
TIONS THEREFORE DESPATCHED ALDRICH SUBJECT YOUR REVISION/
REVOCATION BEFORE 0900 GENEVA TIME: "WITH RESPECT TO
COMPROMISE PROPOSAL OF SOVIET DEL, YOU HAVE NO RPT NO
INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCEPT OR ACTIVELY OPPOSE.

2. IF SOVIET DEL PROCEEDS WITH COMPROMISE PROPOSAL
REGARDLESS OF YOUR POSITION, YOU SHOULD NOT RPT NOT
OPPOSE ACTIVELY BUT SHOULD VOTE AGAINST AS MATTER OF
RECORD ONLY. FYI: WE SEE GRAVE RISK APPEAR COLLABORATING
WITH SOVIETS ON A COMPROMISE BUT APPRECIATE IT COULD BE
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ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION IF YOU ARE STILL IN DOUBT AS TO VOTE
ON HARDLINE PROPOSITION. END FYI

3. IF SOVIETS PROCEED TO SEEK FULL ACCREDITATION FOR

PRG YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO OPPOSE ACTIVELY. OBVIOUSLY

IF SOVIETS STATE THEY INTEND TO PROCEED WITH EITHER OF
ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS DISCUSSED PARAS ONE AND THREE
REFTEL, YOU SHOULD ALSO OPPOSE.

4. IF ISSUE FULL ACCREDITATION OF PRG IS PUT TO
VOTE YOU SHOULD INDICATE WE STRONGLY OPPOSE AND WOULD
REGARD ACCREDITATION AS SERIOUS MATTER. SHOULD YOU
LOSE ON VOTE, HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD RESERVE CONSIDERATION
OF FURTHER STEPS OR PARTICIPATION. YOU SHOULD NOT RPT
NOT THREATEN WALK OUT IF VOTE ADVERSE BUT LEAVE YOUR
OPTIONS OPEN."

2. SCOWCROFT CONCURS IN ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS.

3. ALDRICH'S TELEPHONE NUMBER GENEVA 31-5050, EXT. 411
RPT 31-5050, EXT. 411. CASEY UNQUOTE CASEY

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